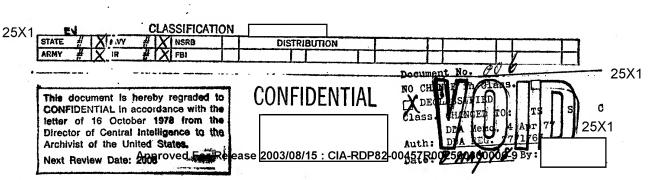
CLASSIFICATION 25X1 Approved For Research 1993/08/15/06 AGENR\$2-00457 R09358030006-9 INFORMAÇON DENZIALT CD NO. CONFIDENTIAL COUNTRY Chile DATE DISTR. 18 March 1949 SUBJECT Attempts of the Confederacion General de NO. OF PAGES 2 Trabajadores to Organise New Labor Group 25X1 PLACE NO. OF ENCLS. (LISTED BELOW) 25X1 **ACQUIRED** DATE OF INFO. SUPPLEMENT TO 25X1 REPORT NO. The comment of the property of THIS DOCUMENT CONTAINS INFORMATION APPECTING THE MATIONAL DEPENDE OF THE BRITCH CATALON WITHIN THE MEANING OF THE ESPICIALCY ACT BO U.S. C., 31 AND 32. AS ALERDEDE, ITS TRANSMISSION OR THE MYNLATION OF ITS CONTRIBUTE IN ANY DASHER TO AR UNAUTHORIZED PETROL IS PRO-SENTED OF TAME. REPORTOCIONO OF THIS FORM IS PROCESSITUD. THIS IS UNEVALUATED INFORMATION and the state of t 25X1 In view of the apparent disintegration of the Confederacion de Trabajadores

- de Chile (CTCh), leaders of the independent Confederacion General de Trabajadores (CCT) are endeavering to form a new national labor organiza-tion to be called Central Unica de Trabajadores de Chile.
- 2. On 23 December 1948, fifteen CGT delegates traveled to Valparaiso to meet with labor leaders of the region. Among those with whom contact was established were leaders of both Socialist and Communist labor unions belonging to the CTCh.
- 3. The CGT delegates givenced the theory that the time was ripe for the formation of a labor or mnization which would confine itself strictly to the field of labor and take no active part in politics. Although most of the labor leaders consulted by the CGT delegates agreed that the CTCh is no longer an effective labor organization, no agreement on this question of the legitimate sphere of labor activities could be reached. There was no unity of opinion among the CTCh leaders as to what constituted labor interests as against political activities. The majority of the union leaders believed that only through combining union and political activities can any true progress be obtained by organized Chilean labor.
- 4. Many of the TCh leaders who were approached demanded special advantages for their respective political parties within the framework of the proposed new national laor organization. The CGT representatives refused these demands wherever tlay arose.
- 5. Because o' these difficulties in reaching an agreement, the CGT decided to establish coordinating committees in Valparaiso and Santiago which would be responsible for reaching a working agreement with Communist and Socialist union re resentatives.
- 6. It is reported that the CGT has also decided to send out delegates to the norther mining zones to try to attract the powerful mining groups to the proposed 13w labor organization. The identity of these pepresentatives is not yet kown, but it is believed that Pedro Nolasco Arratia Urrutia and Pedro Huiquair will be included among the delegates.



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25X1 Comment: It is believed that the attempt of the CGT to form a new national labor organization has only small possibility of succeeding. The CGT has long cooperated with both the Socialist and Communist factions of the CTCh, but only on matters pertaining strictly to labor. The CGT has never tried to hide its lack of sympathy for the purely political and personally ambitious maneuverings of Socialist and Communist leaders in the CTCh.

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